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CITY COUNCIL INVITES NOMINATIONS FOR CIVIC RECOGNITION

New Category to Honour Hatters Who Make Contribution to Community Inclusion

Medicine Hat – Medicine Hat residents have until Friday, May 4 to send in their nominations for the recipients of this year's Civic Recognition Awards.

City Council invites nominations for the 2006 Civic Recognition Awards in the areas of culture, environment, humanitarianism, sports/recreation, community inclusion, and others as deemed appropriate by City Council.

"The Civic Recognition Awards are an opportunity for the City to show its gratitude and appreciation to residents who are making a difference," says Cathy Smith, Alderman Responsible for Civic Events.

This year's awards include a new category for individuals, organizations or businesses who have made a major contribution to accessibility and/or community inclusion in the areas of physical accessibility, employment opportunities, educational opportunities and other related areas.

"Improvements on accessibility and inclusion benefit the entire community," says Darlene Keeler, Chair of the Awards Selection Committee. "Major strides have been made in the community and we want to ensure they receive recognition. However, we encourage applications from all areas. For those who submitted a nomination last year but were not selected, we invite you to resubmit. The nominations in previous years have certainly met all the criteria for outstanding achievement, and we would like to have the opportunity to consider them again this year."

Requirements for nominations include a brief biography and photograph of the nominee, letters of support from three nominators, and any other supporting documentation. Nominees may be residents of Medicine Hat, Redcliff or the County of Cypress as long as the extraordinary contribution(s) benefited residents of Medicine Hat. The three nominators must be residents of Medicine Hat.

The deadline to submit a nomination form is Friday, May 4, 2007. Nomination forms can be picked up and dropped off at the Office of the Mayor, Second Floor of City Hall. The 2006 Civic Recognition Awards will be presented at an Awards Ceremony on June 13, 2007.

For further information, award guidelines and nomination forms, please contact Cheryl Finnie at 529-8316 or chefin@medicinehat.ca, Laurie Schlachter at 529-8311 or lausch@medicinehat.ca or visit the City website www.medicinehat.ca.

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